

[00:00:26.780]>>The PGA TOUR proudly presents.

[00:00:30.450]>>The Season-long race for the FedExCup.

[00:00:34.740]>>Now coverage of the WM Phoenix Open.

[00:00:43.220]>>TPC Scottsdale, the stadium, of course, that's where we are on a gorgeous Thursday for some golf. This tournament hosted here since 1987, nearly 40 years, players have been trying to conquer the 16th hole, the Coliseum. Remember it was back in 1997 where Tiger Woods put it on the map with an ace. Might we see the 13th ace in whole history here this week, 20,000 plus.

[00:01:12.040]>>Packed the stands to surround one of the shorter holes on the PGA TOUR. It's just 165 yards, but if you want to win here, you better be able to handle the hysteria. It's always a party and we are glad to have your company. Ned Michaels alongside Gary Christian and David Howell. Rich Beam will be out striding the fairways, and if you want to know exactly where we are, we're in the southwest portion of the United States.

[00:01:39.730]>>Out here in the Sonora Desert, there it is, Gary. It's an oasis, isn't it, in the Sonora Desert, it's an incredible week of golf. Feels a little bit like a football crowd, a little bit of entertainment, all mixed with the PGA TOUR, it's one of the great weeks on the PGA TOUR.

[00:01:56.099]>>And you have to get through this famous par 3 Hirata.

[00:02:01.989]>>Takes on the challenge.

[00:02:06.099]>>Does it really rather well, 20,000 eyeballs watching that ball track all the way to the hole.

[00:02:13.089]>>That heart rate will still be fairly high, even when he got to the green.

[00:02:18.850]>>How about now, as he's looking for the payoff. You don't want to get booed.

[00:02:24.869]>>And when you hit a shot like that, you have to take advantage. That's a great memory. And the 25-year-old from Osaka, Japan, one he will take with him for the rest of his life. No doubt. Take a look at where we stand halfway through the round here, opening round in Scottsdale, Chris Goddard, 3 times a winner, he hoisted the hardware again out at the Sony Open, 63, 8 under par, and he is, he's on the trot.

[00:02:54.479]>>15.

[00:02:56.210]>>Grillo.

[00:02:57.570]>>The Argentinian

[00:03:01.460]>>Very nice up the slope.

[00:03:05.970]>>3 in a row.

[00:03:10.929]>>Here's Hidecky

[00:03:16.330]>>You're right about that stance, David, it looks so much more natural, doesn't it? It looked contrived when it was so wide. I like that.

[00:03:25.330]>>Mr. Pavon, I presume.

[00:03:28.460]>>Got to go back to the scene of his win for Torrey Pines last week.

[00:03:34.509]>>Straggle this week.

[00:03:36.949]>>But that will solve some of the problems.

[00:03:39.919]>>You certainly don't want to lay an egg here at 16. 0, I like what you did there.

[00:03:45.130]>>Phillips.

[00:03:47.539]>>Contours to take care of here.

[00:03:51.440]>>Uh, it's tracking, it's it's in.

[00:04:00.000]>>Coming off a couple of bogeys.

[00:04:02.210]>>Nice way to start his home nine.

[00:04:07.600]>>Tao Tong Lee, what a resurrection of a golf game, just remarkable. Yeah, May's another one. He benefitted from the 10 spots, the DP World Tour, and he's, he's such a great performer, isn't he, and he, he's tough when it counts, and I think that's as a result of his journey, having highs and lows.

[00:04:26.380]>>Pothier. He's got the wide stance, just about the longest hitter on tour.

[00:04:32.880]>>Pretty good field as well.

[00:04:36.339]>>He said about his own game that when the putter cooperates, I'm a dangerous man.

[00:04:43.220]>>Oh, lovely moment. Yeah, Watford all the way.

[00:04:50.589]>>He's Mitchell. Reminds me of the American version of Robert Rock. Fine swinger, fine dresser, nice head of hair, including a nice wedge shot there.

[00:05:01.559]>>Pest man on tour, I would say, Christian Lamprecht. Let's say long levers.

[00:05:08.700]>>He can move it, can't he? Well done, and to generate the spin from there, brilliantly done.

[00:05:19.269]>>6 teeth.

[00:05:21.279]>>Delicate, delicate.

[00:05:24.730]>>I told you he's gonna do just fine on the PGA TOUR.

[00:05:28.589]>>Good personality, great player.

[00:05:34.730]>>OK, how are we doing this? OK, so we're bumping it into the bank.

[00:05:40.480]>>He's got the helmet on before, yeah, you gotta do it, you gotta do it. Is the shirt gonna stay on this year?

[00:05:48.480]>>It's untucked at the back, we'll take that. Are you not entertained?

[00:05:56.019]>>The king of 16.

[00:06:00.510]>>He is here on a sponsor's invitation.

[00:06:04.140]>>And you have to write a letter to the tournament director to be considered for an invitation from the sponsor. And you may remember several years ago, Joel Dahmen, after making a birdie, took his shirt off to celebrate. Well, he wrote his letter on a polo, promised to keep his shirt on.

[00:06:22.760]>>But I don't know, he must have been tempted here.

[00:06:28.119]>>Oh, the rich, beautiful irony.

[00:06:31.519]>>Ignore the ball, watch the crowd, there you go.

[00:06:42.549]>>It's a heck of a shot.

[00:06:44.369]>>That was not easy.

[00:06:48.850]>>Oh

[00:06:53.519]>>Tyama to edge closer to.

[00:06:57.630]>>The lead

[00:06:59.179]>>Gotta make this, don't you?

[00:07:01.549]>>You would think, and he does. He's looked as good as anyone this afternoon.

[00:07:09.549]>>All right, Victor's gonna go right after it. Got to, got to.

[00:07:16.579]>>Oh my, it almost hit the flagstick.

[00:07:21.089]>>Rich Beam had his crystal ball out.

[00:07:24.760]>>I really need more. I really need more from the crowd with that shot, it almost flew right in the cup. Grazed the flagstick, didn't it? That was brilliant.

[00:07:35.519]>>And to the tranquility.

[00:07:38.589]>>Of the 8th hole in Sam Stevens.

[00:07:43.440]>>So maintaining a good his good front line.

[00:07:47.839]>>4 under par for the day, and that to go to 5 under and that should be a kick in. Lovely shot there from Sam.

[00:07:56.209]>>Back to 16 where Hoblin has this for Birdie.

[00:08:04.829]>>Alright, back-to-back groups of some good energy.

[00:08:19.869]>>Well I think he likes it. I think he likes it.

[00:08:25.179]>>What a shot, almost a one.

[00:08:32.179]>>And knuckles from his brother, oh, there you go, yeah.

[00:08:38.250]>>OK, a little bit of cleanup work.

[00:08:42.039]>>Yeah, it was good.

[00:08:45.619]>>You might get used to seeing him around the top of the leaderboard.

[00:08:49.369]>>For the rest of the week, he has played nicely here in just 3 prior events, but has a couple of top 10s.

[00:09:00.919]>>Yeah, a wonderful ball striker is Matti Schmid.

[00:09:07.650]>>And they're showing us once again, he's got a lot of game.

[00:09:13.530]>>Chris Godarup's 8 under 63 gives him an early two-shot lead over Matt Fitzpatrick, 4 tied at 5 under. Round two is next.

[00:09:32.489]>>For nearly 40 years, the PGA TOUR has been hosted by the Stadium Course at TPC Scottsdale. That's where we are for the 2nd round play today. Well, it's sensational, the scoring low. Yesterday, the wind kicked up. Players struggled in the afternoon, but birdies and eagles on the menu. Another perfect day for golf here in Scottsdale, Arizona.

[00:09:57.174]>>What about Hideki Matsuyama yesterday, he salvaged around, he didn't make any bogeys, 3 birdies, but today, David Howell, well, he knows what to do around here. Happy Friday, Hideki, 64 blows for the former masters champion. That's the way to get round there, takes the lead at 10, and the just the one bogey in 2 days of golf around TPC Scottsdale. That is some good golf, gentlemen.

[00:10:22.140]>>He knows how to handle this place, 5 top 10s, including those two wins that you've mentioned back in 16 and 2017, so you won't rattle his cage, not when he's at the top of the leaderboard.

[00:10:34.849]>>Our first look at the 16th, the Coliseum.

[00:10:39.590]>>And 68 today, tucked in that left side.

[00:10:43.840]>>Mm.

[00:10:45.619]>>Nicely done, making his mark, early doors on the PGA TOUR. John Parry, great story, touching 40 years of age, and a rookie over here on the tour. We like those older rookies, don't we?

[00:10:59.169]>>Perry for some pay dirt.

[00:11:01.409]>>It's a memorable debut, isn't it? He had a good knock yesterday on that hole, didn't he? He's 2 from 2.

[00:11:08.789]>>Theegala, healthy again is Sahith. It's nice to see him back in action. He's off to a terrific start this season for birdie.

[00:11:21.489]>>There's a lot of fluidity in that man's game, isn't there? Lovely, lovely putt there. The eagle birdie.

[00:11:31.200]>>All right, Rich, time for some stonework from Scottie. Absolutely.

[00:11:36.659]>>Just 127 left. I mean, if it doesn't, it doesn't get a better looking than this.

[00:11:44.419]>>Well, that's more like it. He's gonna be as focused as you'll ever see Scottie Schcheffler today. You want to keep that cup run going, once that's gone, you're starting again.

[00:11:55.989]>>16th

[00:11:58.169]>>Bud Cauley and pay attention. This is trying to curl back to it.

[00:12:03.960]>>Mm.

[00:12:06.289]>>Great to see Budd back to full strength, full health.

[00:12:11.700]>>And now to God. Rich, how are we playing it?

[00:12:15.479]>>I think he's just played it slow and and running back in there, and he's probably about 4 ft below the green, maybe not quite that much, so I don't think he's gonna get this thing very high in the air, but little low and just chasing back there.

[00:12:29.520]>>He chased it, he chased it all the way in.

[00:12:35.150]>>And here is a man who is on fire.

[00:12:38.900]>>Life might not get any better.

[00:12:43.080]>>Berger.

[00:12:45.539]>>Ser he'll try and work it a little right to left, he is predominantly a fader.

[00:12:50.859]>>Worked it beautifully.

[00:12:56.059]>>Feels like a hole-in-one pin today. It does, doesn't it?

[00:13:00.000]>>It's target practice right now at 16.

[00:13:04.440]>>And Berger delivers a beauty.

[00:13:08.989]>>Over to the 7th, Marcello Rosso playing his 2nd.

[00:13:15.750]>>Roseau, there you go.

[00:13:18.830]>>Battling, it's a fast finish to make them a weekend.

[00:13:23.609]>>Yeah, 11 holes to.

[00:13:26.640]>>Find some birdies.

[00:13:33.270]>>John van der Laan.

[00:13:35.070]>>Free to a graduate.

[00:13:37.929]>>He gets him to 5 under par. He's greens, the surfaces are absolutely pure, ball stays on top, good pace. Max McGreevy now playing his 2nd from the bunker at the 12th. Good news is, a lot of green with which to work. Oh yeah, oh yes, oh yes.

[00:13:57.520]>>That could not have come at a better moment. Trying to make the cut in the bunker, a couple of bogeys in your recent 4 holes.

[00:14:08.369]>>17.

[00:14:12.260]>>Winner here a couple of years ago, Nick Taylor opened with a 60 that year.

[00:14:16.809]>>Well, hello, old friend, that's an eagle at the 17th.

[00:14:22.500]>>That makes 18 a little bit more palatable off the tee.

[00:14:28.409]>>Is that a putter for Ryan Fox at 18? suspiciously like it.

[00:14:35.919]>>Oh.

[00:14:37.530]>>Great choice. It was obvious, obvious, of course it was the putter. Well that was so well judged because there was more fringe than there was green there, to judge that pace that well, incredible.

[00:14:52.330]>>Over at 14, it

[00:14:54.280]>>I quiet and calm.

[00:14:57.570]>>We've seen him hole a couple of putts today, and there's another one. So Rio climbing the leader ball once again. Great week last week, maintaining that momentum.

[00:15:13.789]>>The unmistakable action of Theegala.

[00:15:22.109]>>Oh

[00:15:24.849]>>Really, really good golf shot.

[00:15:33.559]>>We put him in 2nd alone.

[00:15:37.830]>>The confidence with that club.

[00:15:45.950]>>Ahead to Hisatone on the tee at 16.

[00:15:58.409]>>He's got that little look about him, doesn't he?

[00:16:01.419]>>So well controlled, butters on, shaping the ball the way he needs to. Yeah, in many ways, the perfect golf shot, one bounce.

[00:16:12.739]>>Uh, this is a kick in and those feel especially nice when it's for an eagle and Figala back to his old tricks here in Scottsdale.

[00:16:24.900]>>Rio

[00:16:26.789]>>This for a share of the lead.

[00:16:29.820]>>Well, the way he's been rolling it, you might as well just pick that one up.

[00:16:34.030]>>Another one right in the center, that perfect hole in pace.

[00:16:37.929]>>You never want the round to end when you're holding it at that pace in the middle of the hole every time.

[00:16:43.200]>>Let's quickly slide over to Jake Napp. We've seen this putt before at the 4th. A lot of movement here.

[00:16:53.140]>>That looks good, that looks good.

[00:16:56.119]>>That's very good.

[00:16:57.770]>>Sometimes those big rainbow puts that you just, you turn over your imagination and just freeze you up a little bit.

[00:17:06.400]>>Eatsu

[00:17:09.510]>>That's for the birdie. Oh, hold your head up.

[00:17:15.479]>>You are prognosticator David. Oh, I don't know that word, but I think I got it right. Good 3.

[00:17:23.568]>>And what a way to take the lead, all on your own. 11 under and that's a flicker of a smile, that is.

[00:17:32.160]>>Another 3 on the card.

[00:17:38.140]>>He's a classy player, Kita Nakajima, this.

[00:17:43.979]>>On the cut line and no more, that's a wonderful 10 footer found.

[00:17:56.550]>>3rd, 4th, Ayala at 17.

[00:18:00.959]>>Uh, repeat of Saturdays.

[00:18:04.229]>>Amazing birdie 3.

[00:18:07.770]>>You know it.

[00:18:09.500]>>That's the way to play it, mhm.

[00:18:12.650]>>Fortune favors the brave.

[00:18:15.270]>>And the brilliant.

[00:18:17.699]>>Exceptional touch there from Saheath.

[00:18:24.050]>>Matt Fitzpatrick for birdie at the 18th.

[00:18:28.420]>>But a pace, there you go, good finish. Matt scraped together a good round there. Just didn't have it all, didn't have it all his own way. And he's put himself right in contention.

[00:18:39.869]>>Scottie's got 91 yards, so it's a little bit off on how far away it was. I never hit it up there that far.

[00:18:51.780]>>Kind of like that. Set up for a finish, wasn't it? Beautifully done from Scottie. 7 off the lead.

[00:19:01.339]>>Rio Hisatsu's back nine charge has him atop the leaderboard at 11 under par. Round 3 is next.

[00:19:16.689]>>One of the most anticipated days of the year on the PGA TOUR and Saturday starts early here at the Stadium Course at TPC Scottsdale. As a matter of fact, it started last night at 10 a.m. The fans lined up. The gates didn't open until 7. They're expecting several 100,000 people on the grounds today. They will be poised and ready to make some noise over at the 16th, the Coliseum.

[00:19:44.160]>>Another picture perfect day here in the desert of Arizona.

[00:19:51.699]>>Third shot, Shuffler

[00:19:55.660]>>Maybe, there we go.

[00:19:58.719]>>When he won in 2022, he started the weekend nine shots behind. He shot 62 on Saturday. Through 10 holes, he was 2 under and then ran away coming home.

[00:20:12.119]>>He's currently 20, could well be a sign of things to come.

[00:20:18.680]>>Let's check in with Victor

[00:20:26.880]>>Hovland sends one into the clear blue Arizona sky.

[00:20:32.469]>>Does he get the kick he wants, I think it might have been, you know.

[00:20:38.640]>>What will we end up with here?

[00:20:42.750]>>4.5 ft before the eagle, that would get him to 8 under.

[00:20:48.569]>>Hideki back uphill initially once it hits the apex, and it's gonna start working down the slope, moving mostly left or right.

[00:20:57.819]>>A

[00:20:59.400]>>Dickie Dickie.

[00:21:02.589]>>Are right to left.

[00:21:04.449]>>How about in?

[00:21:07.099]>>Well, the strongest club in the bag has been that putter today for Hideki, bringing out the 1st 4.

[00:21:14.439]>>4 holes, 3 putts.

[00:21:19.280]>>Fitzpatrick.

[00:21:23.010]>>Had the lead early on Thursday.

[00:21:27.719]>>He's starting to come alive again.

[00:21:34.760]>>Let's jump up to Si Wu here at the 6, 161 yards, Gary, for a second. tucked in that.

[00:21:42.449]>>Back right

[00:21:48.829]>>Good start line.

[00:21:53.069]>>Good finish line.

[00:21:55.439]>>Perhaps another one for Si Woo Kim.

[00:22:01.839]>>It looks like Hideki ready to go this for.

[00:22:05.020]>>A one-putt par, another opportunity.

[00:22:08.849]>>I gotta say that you don't win here twice without falling in love with the greens and, and getting a good vibe on on lines.

[00:22:17.020]>>If he misses this, this would be a little bit surprising.

[00:22:28.170]>>Still yet to make a par. 3 birdies and 2 bogeys.

[00:22:33.150]>>For Hideki.

[00:22:36.530]>>Made the mistake of finding the fairway there.

[00:22:39.829]>>A crucial error by Matsuyama.

[00:22:43.880]>>Si Woo Kim, see if he can make another birdie.

[00:22:47.959]>>So 4 ft for the birdie.

[00:22:52.030]>>It's no problem. Hottest man on the course in the last two days, 40 through 6.

[00:23:02.609]>>Hovlem for birdie on 5.

[00:23:09.430]>>Here we go, here we go. He gets the 9 under.

[00:23:15.489]>>Oh birdie eagle, just the lone bogey.

[00:23:22.650]>>At the 9th, 24, Fitzpatrick, just 1:38, Real opportunity here.

[00:23:31.219]>>Dialing the number, just a bunker short to fear.

[00:23:35.160]>>He clambers over and nearly finds the eagle too.

[00:23:41.630]>>He will find a 3.

[00:23:45.810]>>So Maverick McMealy for Birdie to get the double figures. There we go.

[00:23:52.020]>>McNeilly in the top 5.

[00:23:55.930]>>Now Fitzpatrick for his birdie from pin high.

[00:24:05.959]>>Speed's good.

[00:24:07.650]>>And the direction's good. Fitzpatrick joins the leaders.

[00:24:18.790]>>Clean card.

[00:24:20.709]>>Fours and threes.

[00:24:27.069]>>Hadecky at 10, his second from the fairway bunker.

[00:24:33.010]>>Looked like good contact there.

[00:24:36.199]>>Oh yes, Hibeki.

[00:24:38.949]>>A great 2nd shot on 10.

[00:24:45.219]>>Kasatane Rich, yeah, from 123 going after it as he should.

[00:24:54.589]>>Looks like he's really shaken off, though, that little tight tension and tightness at the start.

[00:25:02.660]>>As for the outright lead, at least for the time being, Hideki.

[00:25:13.540]>>Well that looked like the first few holes today. Dead weight right in the middle.

[00:25:21.589]>>Rio to answer Hideki.

[00:25:28.640]>>And answer he does.

[00:25:36.079]>>I

[00:25:42.869]>>Maverick, McNeely.

[00:25:47.670]>>Moves to 12 under tied for the lead.

[00:25:51.099]>>He's on a tear, sure is, sailing through the field.

[00:25:58.150]>>Left below right below the level 4 Matthew. He made nice contact on that occasion, in fact, he found perfect contact.

[00:26:08.989]>>The Englishman strides forward.

[00:26:12.189]>>And doesn't that show you something about the mental makeup of the man?

[00:26:16.890]>>Maverick McNeely.

[00:26:20.890]>>That was a 2-putt birdie at the par 5 15th, and he moves to 13 under and has the lead now all by himself.

[00:26:29.890]>>As for eagle. Hideki, could he make another long one?

[00:26:37.770]>>Don't stop now.

[00:26:45.069]>>Right up for Fitzpatrick, leaves him a wedge to 1588 yards.

[00:26:51.250]>>10 ft or better he's after.

[00:26:54.819]>>And that's what he'll get. Oh, he'll get a lot better. Pick it up, move on to the next, he's on the move.

[00:27:03.699]>>Azi.

[00:27:05.560]>>350 yard drive for Nicolai Huygaard on the 18th, leaving just a lob wedge.

[00:27:11.609]>>Oh he takes the flag out.

[00:27:15.229]>>He'll be up to 12 under.

[00:27:19.780]>>And the par effort for.

[00:27:22.500]>>McNeilly on the birdie or 17th.

[00:27:27.619]>>Ah, it's gonna prove a costly step in the wrong direction for.

[00:27:34.109]>>Maverick.

[00:27:35.739]>>Kind of player that will register away that tee shot.

[00:27:39.540]>>He won't be that uncommitted again.

[00:27:45.300]>>Fitzpatrick for par at the 16th.

[00:27:50.739]>>Now it was a something you could have probably bet the house on that was gonna come up short.

[00:27:58.119]>>This for bogey.

[00:28:01.020]>>Oh my

[00:28:03.849]>>Oh my goodness.

[00:28:06.750]>>Leave the hole with a double.

[00:28:12.550]>>And indeed

[00:28:14.319]>>That's a 5 on the par 3.

[00:28:17.770]>>Now's the time to launch a ball into the crowd.

[00:28:20.959]>>Getting rid of some of that frustration. You don't need that ball going forward, Matthew.

[00:28:28.640]>>Si Wu is bird dogging his eagle putt.

[00:28:33.439]>>This would catapult him to a share of the lead.

[00:28:41.020]>>Oh, good pace.

[00:28:44.359]>>Well it certainly lends itself to his game, doesn't it? In a lot of fair ways. The ability to be aggressive with the short irons, and it's just all gonna kind of depend on the putter. The putter's behaved this, this year to this point.

[00:28:58.349]>>I would think he would be one of the players to watch tomorrow.

[00:29:04.079]>>Over to the 17th where Rio is playing his 2nd.

[00:29:17.790]>>Nicely played. That's good, pick it up.

[00:29:24.640]>>There's a wonderful look for Rio.

[00:29:29.290]>>On the way, right in the center. You better believe it, that's my boy.

[00:29:37.170]>>Pretty sure it was the nearest the Pen competition, Dina. No, no, it was, it's gonna get up-and-down.

[00:29:44.920]>>Hideki.

[00:29:47.250]>>He's got 126.

[00:29:53.699]>>Lovely hum around this 18th closing hole.

[00:29:58.229]>>And that's a nicely crafted 2nd.

[00:30:01.770]>>And a man with the lead.

[00:30:05.810]>>Rio Hisatsule. This ball's sitting down just a little bit, he's got to carry it a long way. If he gets this within 20 ft, job well done.

[00:30:17.969]>>Once it hits the deck and oh my goodness gracious, how in the world did he do that? That's incredible.

[00:30:24.819]>>Yes it was.

[00:30:29.369]>>We've seen this putt hold a few times today.

[00:30:33.380]>>It's even just a little bit downhill, so his pace is already really built in. Let's get a start on the right line, it'll go in.

[00:30:43.900]>>And Valy from there, it would have done. Oh no.

[00:30:52.060]>>So Hideki.

[00:30:54.469]>>We have to settle for 3 under 68, 13 under, headed into Sunday.

[00:31:09.439]>>Couldn't find one.

[00:31:11.819]>>The worst put he's hit all day.

[00:31:14.800]>>That's how they'd left, right off the blade.

[00:31:19.109]>>Makes the birdie on 17, he gives it right back on 1870 for the 23-year-old playing alongside his.

[00:31:28.020]>>Mentor Hideki Matsuyama.

[00:31:34.219]>>Adeki Matsuyama takes a 1-shot lead as he eyes his 3rd WM Phoenix Open title. The final round is next.

[00:31:46.510]>>We are here and we are playing for history and we're playing for the players that came before us.

[00:31:52.300]>>I've worked since I was 2 or 3 years old to have a chance to play professional golf for a living. The, the guys that win the most, they're in contention so much, they're up there all the time. That's where I want to be.

[00:32:16.900]>>I

[00:32:19.540]>>Sunday in Scottsdale, it always promises to be a spirited affair, especially when the leaderboard is crowded with international stars. Yesterday, the crowds were loud but somewhat subdued, and so was the scoring. Hideki Matsuyama was able.

[00:32:37.520]>>To tame a firm and fiery Stadium Course here at TPC Scottsdale for a 3rd round 67, it leaves him 1 ahead of a packed leaderboard. Nearly 20 players within 5 shots of the lead, and we are so glad to have your company here for the final round. Ned Michaels alongside Gary Christian and David Howell. And how about Hideki Matsuyama? He's looking to become.

[00:33:02.359]>>A three-time winner here at the WM Phoenix Open. Join Mark Calcavecchia, Phil Mickelson, Genane Littler, and Arnold Palmer if he can find his way to victory lane one more time.

[00:33:15.140]>>Si Wu Kimmemit didn't even look like he was going to be here for the weekend. Opened with a 2/73, but Friday a 62 and yesterday a 66, and he is firmly in the rearview mirror of the Japanese superstar. Maverick McNeely, a couple of top 10s the last two years here in Scottsdale, of course, that he said tests his two strengths, driving and speed putting. And what about Matthew Fitzpatrick? Yesterday, a round of

[00:33:44.780]>>What could have been 7 birdies in a 67, but he made a double bogey on the shortest hole on the golf course, just 127 yards to par 3, 16, and you never count the world number one out. He also looking for his third victory here at the WM Phoenix Open. Yesterday, at 67, he thought it could have been a few shots better, but he's come from behind here in the past. He knows how to handle the madness, the hysteria, and the pressure.

[00:34:15.658]>>Houghlin getting his round going.

[00:34:21.840]>>No

[00:34:27.678]>>That's more like it. We go to the 2nd. Got her up in the fairway.

[00:34:38.189]>>A look at what wet shot there from Gotterup.

[00:34:43.010]>>Hoblin nice look to open his round.

[00:34:56.020]>>Very good.

[00:34:58.330]>>He gets the 10 under quickly.

[00:35:05.260]>>Up to the green at 2 now. Got her up putting for birdie.

[00:35:29.500]>>Chris Gotter up with that start, firmly, one of them.

[00:35:34.530]>>He will at first he'd be taking dead aim, wouldn't he? Yes, he will.

[00:35:44.820]>>Averaged just 20 ft for his approach shots on day two.

[00:35:50.669]>>Which was the best in the field by some margin, and that was of the same ilk.

[00:35:56.149]>>Wonderful opener.

[00:35:58.310]>>A good look at Michael Thorbjornrsen today.

[00:36:02.979]>>A man with a big swing.

[00:36:06.639]>>And punish the golf ball. If he can be as good as that with his wedges, he might well be a force to be reckoned with today.

[00:36:13.969]>>Think it's all gonna come down to this club today for Si Woo.

[00:36:19.350]>>And there's a great start. I feel like he's gonna give himself plenty of opportunities, can he cash them in?

[00:36:25.699]>>A chance to show some intent here for Thorbjornsen. Oh, I like it, right in the middle.

[00:36:35.520]>>We've just moved away, Rich, so we're gonna have a look at Chris Godder up.

[00:36:40.520]>>And that's just gonna slice off. Gotterup would go on to make his 2nd birdie.

[00:36:46.540]>>Now Battia for eagle at 3. Watch the movement on this.

[00:36:52.139]>>Akshay

[00:36:54.719]>>Well don't managed, so Batia one off the lead. Okshay.

[00:37:01.290]>>Finds his birdie.

[00:37:04.110]>>Quietly, Michael Thorbjornsen, Gary, who you picked at the beginning of the week, is only one behind.

[00:37:12.320]>>Yeah, can he use that little soft backs up, yes he can. Watch out for him.

[00:37:18.020]>>She woood from the bunker at 3.

[00:37:23.969]>>Classy stuff from C Wu, chance to take the lead.

[00:37:28.800]>>Thorbjornsen for a share of the lead.

[00:37:35.399]>>There we go.

[00:37:38.850]>>Uh, this to tie the lead, Si Woo.

[00:37:43.080]>>Playing some golf, isn't he, boys? Mhm. Fantastic start to the season.

[00:37:49.100]>>It has been a perky jerky kind of start for Riyo Hissatsune. He's 11 under 3 shots off of the pace.

[00:38:00.949]>>Mm.

[00:38:03.929]>>Opened with a birdie trying to find another one, Holland.

[00:38:08.709]>>Just to go 3 under for the day. Oh, there we go, and Victor Holm making a move.

[00:38:17.360]>>Over to 4 to the poor chips that today, just for his part, rumored to hold a little sip of water in his mouth as he plays these shots, but actually that's not the case. Just a habit to get him focused.

[00:38:35.290]>>On that occasion, just couldn't quite pick the line.

[00:38:39.469]>>Good pace to that putt though, at least that's a, a good sign. He's just gonna need a 2 or 3 holes in a row just to settle.

[00:38:57.669]>>McShay, just coming up the hill nicely there.

[00:39:01.560]>>And Hideki, he's gonna take one less. He's gonna take a 9 iron. Again, he doesn't normally hit it as high as those last two shots, so I would imagine this is gonna be just a little bit lower.

[00:39:11.649]>>A 9 iron, have a little bit more spin on it.

[00:39:14.659]>>No, I can't correct it. They did go back to the 8 iron.

[00:39:18.560]>>Well, in the balance a little for Matsuyama as to how the day will pan out, right below left.

[00:39:26.510]>>On the green at 5, Akshay.

[00:39:32.800]>>68 in round one, a pair of 67s on Friday and Saturday, and Akshay. He's thoroughly now in the hunt for his third win on the PGA TOUR.

[00:39:44.590]>>K Knapp for Birdie.

[00:39:47.429]>>Coming right to left.

[00:39:51.330]>>Here it comes, here it comes, and Knapp joins the party.

[00:39:58.159]>>Final round of the WM Phoenix Open and Hideki Matsuyama trying to become a three-time winner. Little pitch shot here.

[00:40:06.520]>>Open stance, no one better this week around the greens.

[00:40:11.270]>>Strike was pristine, and the result was as well, a master around the greens.

[00:40:21.530]>>How bold do you want to be here at the 5th? Well, he's one of the longer holes, but he's, uh, you're gonna have a short iron in, fine, he can just play it just right at the flag.

[00:40:36.919]>>Or straight at it. There we go. Thunderbar's son is playing as well as anyone.

[00:40:43.989]>>2nd shot for Scheffler on 8.

[00:40:48.879]>>Can he dial one in? Yes he can. Oh no.

[00:40:54.090]>>Back at the 5th with Thorbjornsen for birdie.

[00:41:08.449]>>You said it, good drive with the ball, wonderful putter.

[00:41:14.439]>>Scottie.

[00:41:18.320]>>Made a birdie here yesterday.

[00:41:22.659]>>00, looks good.

[00:41:25.750]>>Now we get the little energy of the crowd, they will be hearing that a few holes back.

[00:41:34.290]>>Hadecky at the tea at 7.

[00:41:39.330]>>Square club face that address, so he's trying to work it in from left to right, he's doing it with.

[00:41:44.600]>>A lot of feel, and he's done it.

[00:41:48.139]>>Really rather well.

[00:41:50.840]>>Hidecky, who began the day at 13 under, improbably is 1 under par. He's yet to hit a fairway and has barely found any greens. He just continues to surprise and make long putts. As a matter of fact, he so far this week on the front nine has one putt in 60% of his holes.

[00:42:18.149]>>From the

[00:42:21.120]>>Oh.

[00:42:22.870]>>Please stop.

[00:42:29.360]>>That was a stress free hole there, great iron shot, great putt.

[00:42:35.520]>>Don't count Victor Hovland out.

[00:42:43.419]>>Oh, that was a 3rd3 from no man's land.

[00:42:47.149]>>31, he's extremely nipped around the front nine.

[00:42:52.639]>>You see how these fareway just starting to brown out a little bit now. Getting firmer, minute by minute.

[00:43:02.850]>>Wedge for Knapp, went after it, should have spin.

[00:43:10.000]>>Knapp would make birdie.

[00:43:14.739]>>Got her up for birdie at 10.

[00:43:21.429]>>Oh, start of the week.

[00:43:23.929]>>Oh a bit of pizazz.

[00:43:26.969]>>Now Bettia chipping from just off the green.

[00:43:31.979]>>Right below left for the left-hander, if that makes any sense.

[00:43:38.209]>>Godup's found the water along a right on 122, he might not be the only one chipping for his par.

[00:43:45.139]>>Hands forward, lots of shaftly.

[00:43:49.530]>>Low, squeezezy action.

[00:43:53.820]>>Back at 10, Akshay for par.

[00:43:58.750]>>Erich. Mm.

[00:44:02.620]>>Got her up for bogey.

[00:44:10.510]>>In all likelihood will end his challenge for the championship this year.

[00:44:19.699]>>Yeah, to the 10th. See we're off a gentle upslope to the front right pin.

[00:44:27.389]>>Mounts of excitement, Scheffler on 13.

[00:44:31.479]>>Fairway mist

[00:44:33.389]>>With the tee shot, be required for the 3rd. OK, well, he surely will escape with a birdie.

[00:44:44.639]>>13th, Chris Goddup. Try to push draw one in there. Done it very nicely, that's chasing ever closer, so he'll have an eagle putt which he'll need to make.

[00:45:02.290]>>Schefflers, got a good lie in the rough on 14.

[00:45:08.739]>>Flag on that left edge.

[00:45:11.929]>>Oh, unfortunate.

[00:45:16.030]>>So Gotterup Hit 13 in 2, this for Eagle.

[00:45:23.040]>>Last chance saloon.

[00:45:25.379]>>If you've got eyes on the prize, I would say.

[00:45:38.250]>>Can't leave it short.

[00:45:40.260]>>Hm, disappointed.

[00:45:42.939]>>Got her up would make the birdie.

[00:45:47.110]>>Batia on the 12th.

[00:45:50.780]>>There's a freedom to that swing. Oh, look at this, the best we've seen today.

[00:45:58.919]>>Potter for Scheffler, maybe courtesy of the fact that he's into that dark bit of grass, which means it's into the grain.

[00:46:10.080]>>Uphill steeply to begin its journey.

[00:46:13.080]>>3 back, you can make the argument that it's probably 2.5 with Matsuyama in trouble.

[00:46:24.639]>>Early bubble.

[00:46:29.870]>>Then a clatter, then a birdie.

[00:46:36.270]>>Back at 12, Akshay for birdie. Akshay, what a beauty of the two.

[00:46:44.520]>>now.

[00:46:45.649]>>was good.

[00:46:47.580]>>Third shot for Scheffler.

[00:46:50.620]>>So you're landing it short of the green or landing on it. Be clear, low.

[00:46:56.939]>>Shunt forward by the looks of things.

[00:47:00.020]>>Needs a bounce.

[00:47:02.760]>>I landed right in the darkest piece of grass into the grain.

[00:47:11.149]>>Oh, this is a scary looking shot all the way across the green. That's Jake Knapp.

[00:47:17.739]>>Long backswing, languid backswing. Oh, that's played with a lomb. Must have been in the flat or even on the downslope to be able to run it like that. And here Scheffler.

[00:47:30.709]>>Right edge.

[00:47:32.870]>>Right.

[00:47:34.229]>>In the center

[00:47:40.459]>>I'm Pretty sure he has an angle to attack this.

[00:47:52.669]>>Not so easy to get the pace, spot on.

[00:47:58.120]>>It's not approved.

[00:48:05.820]>>Scheffler.

[00:48:07.399]>>Oh they must make you feel here. And it is straightforward, right to left.

[00:48:13.219]>>And a lot of pressure here.

[00:48:15.800]>>Mhm.

[00:48:18.879]>>Long way out, but it's for Eagle at the 17th.

[00:48:23.620]>>Gotterup has it on its way.

[00:48:26.770]>>Pace looks good.

[00:48:32.000]>>And that'll be a tap in birdie.

[00:48:38.189]>>Easy work for the long hitting 3-time winner now.

[00:48:43.169]>>And what a cunning little wedge shot, Rich, for Hideki.

[00:48:46.780]>>That was beautiful. That was a beautiful birdie. Well done.

[00:48:51.610]>>Oh this is not a chip, it's more of a pitch. Rich, 10 feet's an excellent shot. Oh, absolutely. I, you can, you can sense that he's feeling a little bit nerved here. He actually took a little extra time on the tee box, grabbed the towel a second time.

[00:49:08.550]>>Anything inside of 15 ft, I think it'd be job well done.

[00:49:20.580]>>me.

[00:49:26.310]>>How's that for the win.

[00:49:30.550]>>Can he do it? One more time. It will be a magic act indeed.

[00:49:38.969]>>This for the win, his 3rd here. At the Waste Management, the WM Phoenix Open. Hidecky.

[00:49:53.459]>>But not to be, as a matter of fact, he's got a little work in.

[00:49:57.350]>>Quite a bit of stress left. Has to knock that in just to see extra holes with Chris Gotterup who closed with a 64.

[00:50:08.860]>>You kind of got the sense all day that it was Hideki's, the fate was on his side with all of.

[00:50:15.689]>>The Houdini acts throughout the day, the long putts, the unlikely pars.

[00:50:22.860]>>And this one.

[00:50:25.100]>>And he's not wasting any time on.

[00:50:31.870]>>For bogey, for the playoff, OK.

[00:50:41.590]>>3rd shot at the par 4 for Hideki.

[00:50:48.899]>>We

[00:50:51.229]>>Get in the

[00:50:55.250]>>we

[00:50:58.139]>>Oh, it was magic indeed.

[00:51:02.320]>>But Rich, Chris Goderic is sauntering into a little wedge over here of his own.

[00:51:08.070]>>And again, just 90 yards. Just a, just an awesome little flighted down lob wedge right here. It's one of the strengths of his game.

[00:51:20.399]>>Doesn't like it much closer this, but I think it's a good yardage for him.

[00:51:32.979]>>The last thing you want to do is give your opponent too much hope, you're gonna force his hand to make it for the win, for the win.

[00:51:44.429]>>Good glory, Garup does it again.

[00:51:52.979]>>4th win of his career, 2nd of the season. He already led the FedExCup points race and he's padding his lead.

[00:52:07.189]>>He led after the first round and he leads when it matters the most. So Chris Godriup, who some thought maybe had gotten snubbed for the Ryder Cup at the end of last season, remember he won the Genesis Scottish Open, finished 3rd at The Open Championship, had a handful of top 10s at the end of the year.

[00:52:26.840]>>Playing with a little bit of a chip on his shoulder, comes out 2nd win of the season. Big lead now in the FedExCup race.

[00:52:39.550]>>This concludes the PGA Tour's coverage of the WM Phoenix Open from TPC Scottsdale in Scottsdale, Arizona.